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Crop Report for October 2, 2005

Farmers made decent harvest progress this past week with 69 per cent of the crop now combined, up from 53 per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report. The five year average is 79 per cent.

The southwest remains furthest along at 93 per cent complete, followed by the southeast with 92 per cent combined. The northwest remains the furthest behind at 29 per cent complete. The east central region made the most harvest progress this past week to bring the total combined to 73 per cent. The northeast and west central regions are less than 45 per cent complete.

Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

During the past week, crop damage was caused by frost, water fowl, wild game, sawflies, wind, and rain. Grasshoppers are damaging emerging fall-seeded crops in the northwest.

Some regions expect to finish harvest in the coming week, while others could need at least until the end of October. Those that have finished harvest have begun fall work, including straw baling, hauling bales, herbicide application, rock picking, and harrowing.

Sask. combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	96
Spring wheat	56	39
Durum	83	67
Oats	52	36
Barley	66	52
Fall rye	90	90
Triticale	68	53
Flax	49	22
Canola	71	52
Mustard	85	70
Sunflowers	1	1
Lentils	93	86
Peas	94	87
Canary seed	47	28
Chickpeas	72	43
Total	69	53

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Upcoming Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines:

· Premiums for 2005 are due by October 31. Interest will start to accrue in October; however, if your premium is paid by October 31, there will be no interest charged.

· All production declarations, post-harvest claims and extension of insurance requests must be filed by November 15. Declarations must be filed before a yield-loss claim can be registered.

(Forage claims were to be filed with Crop Insurance by September 30. Any claims submitted between October 1 and November 15 will have indemnities reduced by 25 per cent. Forage claims will not be accepted after November 15.)

You may mail, phone, fax or drop off your declarations at your customer service office. CropConnect customers may now complete personalized declarations online at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

1 Year Ago

About 51% of the 2004 crop had been harvested – ranging from 64% in the southwest and west central regions to 33% in the northwest.

Strong winds and hard frosts caused the majority of the crop damage.

Overall crop quality was expected to be below average.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 2, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	1	4	1	99	94	98
Spring wheat	33	37	12	56	47	80
Durum	13	22	7	83	53	83
Oats	30	44	18	52	30	69
Barley	25	28	10	66	60	82
Fall rye	1	3	1	90	95	93
Triticale	14	17	n/a	68	40	n/a
Flax	23	21	14	49	7	55
Canola	27	56	20	71	41	76
Mustard	12	21	7	85	61	86
Sunflowers	0	0	1	1	0	7
Lentils	5	12	3	93	84	90
Peas	4	7	2	94	91	95
Canary seed	23	33	13	47	23	62
Chickpeas	10	18	n.a.	72	27	n.a.
Total	**23**	**32**	**11**	**69**	**51**	**79**

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	95	79
Durum	93	84
Oats	87	74
Barley	97	91
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	70
Flax	73	34
Canola	94	87
Mustard	99	94
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	97	96
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	83	55
Chickpeas	96	85
Total	**92**	**80**

The south eastern region was milder last week, but did see some frosts and strong winds. Very little precipitation was reported during the past week. The highest amount reported was 5 mm in the Glenavon area. Frost and wind damages were reported across the region. Swaths were scattered in several regions and some standing grain was shelled. Concerns were expressed about bleaching.

Ninety-two per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined, with a further 6% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 95% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, spring wheat, peas, lentils, triticale, mustard, and chickpeas.

The southeast is drying out as 54% of reporters rated topsoil moisture on crop land as adequate, compared to 76% last week. Forty-four per cent rated crop land topsoil moisture as short or very short. On hay and pasture land, 51% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 68% last week. Forty-nine per cent rated hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short or very short.

Migratory birds and deer damaged crops in CD 2b. Grasshoppers were laying eggs in combined fields. There is a shortage of livestock water supplies in CD 3ase.

Farmers are turning to other fall work, including spraying, baling straw, hauling straw and hay bales, burning flax straw, fall tillage, and livestock work (cleaning corrals, weaning calves, etc.). Sunflowers were being desiccated by air in CD 2b. Fall seeded crops have emerged and reporters say they are looking good.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	95	82
Durum	92	76
Oats	85	70
Barley	96	83
Fall rye	100	85
Triticale	67	59
Flax	61	36
Canola	98	90
Mustard	96	87
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	69	36
Chickpeas	70	30
Total	**93**	**81**

The southwest had generally good harvest weather during the past week, with heavy frosts and some showers later in the week. Most Crop Districts reported an average of around 5 mm of precipitation. The biggest amount reported was 12 mm in the Eastend area. Frost damage was reported on later seeded fields across much of the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 3b and 4a. Other weather damage, including bleaching and sprouting, came from the weekend rain.

Ninety-three per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined, and a further 4% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 95% harvested include winter wheat,

fall rye, spring wheat, barley, peas, lentils, mustard, and canola. The quality of later seeded crops is not as good as crops harvested earlier.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly, with 73% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 68% last week. Conditions also improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 64% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 62% last week. The balance of the reporters rate topsoil moisture as short or very short. Cattle were being given supplemental feed on pastures in CD 3asw because of the very dry soil conditions.

Crop damage came from sawflies, wild game, and migratory ducks and geese.

As farmers finish harvest, they are completing other fall work, including hauling bales, cutting slough hay, fall tillage, picking rocks, fall spraying, and livestock work. Some farmers were buying fertilizer in anticipation of a price increase in the spring.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region started the week with good harvesting weather but had showers near the weekend as well as frosts throughout the week. The highest amount reported was 6 mm in the Kenaston area. Frost and wind damages were reported across the region. Frost damage was limited to late crops. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, bleaching, and weathering.

Seventy-three per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined, and a further 22% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. This area had the largest week over week gain in combining progress. Crops that are at least 90% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and lentils. Some canola in CD 5a was reported to have a high green count. Cereals came off tough in many areas.

East central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	91
Spring wheat	66	35
Durum	71	31
Oats	56	28
Barley	79	58
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	85	31
Flax	27	6
Canola	82	59
Mustard	76	53
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	95	81
Peas	98	91
Canary seed	39	7
Chickpeas	88	57
Total	73	49

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained much the same as last week, with 76% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions were also much the same on hay and pasture land with 82% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Some producers are running short of pasture and are beginning to feed hay to their livestock.

Migrating birds are damaging crops across the region. Wild game are damaging crops in CD 5a. Adult grasshoppers are moving in to lay eggs.

Other field work done last week included chemical application, hauling bales, tillage, and baling straw. There were some reports of grain heating in bins in CD 5b last week. Winter wheat was still being seeded in CD 6a last week. Reporters said emerging winter wheat looked to be in good shape.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	86
Spring wheat	28	17
Durum	34	14
Oats	24	13
Barley	47	35
Fall rye	96	96
Triticale	62	9
Flax	7	3
Canola	58	36
Mustard	53	25
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	79	64
Peas	89	77
Canary seed	8	8
Chickpeas	18	41
Total	44	31

The west central region had some good harvesting weather last week, but also saw frosts, showers, and heavy dews. The precipitation average for the west central region last week was 8 mm, with 22 mm reported in the Luseland area. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 6b and 7a. Damage from flooding was reported in CD 7. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, lodging, and bleaching.

Forty-four per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined, with a further 38% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 70% harvested include winter wheat, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Cereals grains came off tough last week and

aeration bins were in use. Reporters said canola and mustard were yielding and grading well, but later combined cereal grains had dropped in quality.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved during the past week. Forty-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 57% last week. Machinery was getting stuck in wet fields. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 81% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 72% last week.

Saw fly and migratory water fowl damage continued. Uncovered piles of grain were suffering spoilage due to the heavy rains.

Cattle are coming home from community pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	92	82
Spring wheat	30	13
Durum	32	12
Oats	31	17
Barley	44	26
Fall rye	71	64
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	1	0
Canola	58	30
Mustard	67	24
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	46	46
Peas	74	64
Canary seed	12	12
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	**43**	**24**

The northeast had a few nice days during the past week, but also had frosts and showers. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with 17 mm reported in the Garrick area. Frost and flooding damage were reported across the region. Wind damage, including shelling of canola, was reported in CD 8. Hail damage was reported in CD 8a. Reporters also expressed concern with sprouting and weathering. Hay bales are standing in water in some areas.

Forty-three per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 43% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 60% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and mustard. Crops are being combined tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried a bit this past week, with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 96% last week. Farmers are still struggling with standing water in fields. The stress of wet fields is hard on machinery. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 70% last week.

Moulds and migratory birds damaged crops in CD 8b.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region had some good harvest weather, though rain, snow flurries, and frost delayed operations. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported, with over 40 mm reported in the Big River area. Snow leveled crops in the Pierceland area. Flooding and frost damage were reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 9b. Reporters expressed concerns about bleaching, sprouting, and lodging.

North western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	15	10
Durum	0	0
Oats	7	5
Barley	24	17
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	20	0
Flax	1	0
Canola	40	28
Mustard	20	20
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	80	40
Peas	83	62
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	**29**	**20**

Twenty-nine per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 53% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye, lentils, and peas. Crops are coming off tough and going into aeration bins. Farmers are becoming pessimistic about getting all the harvest complete in the fall. Good weather in October is a must.

Cropland get wetter again last week with 69% of reporters rating moisture as surplus, compared with 50% last week. Machinery is getting stuck in very wet fields. On hay and pasture land, 24% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 15% last week.

Geese and ducks damaged crops in areas across the region. Gophers continued to damage crops in CD 9b. Grasshoppers were feeding on emerging fall rye. Second growth caused some harvest problems.

There is still some hay to put up. Straw baling continued.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 1, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	NIL	354
	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	351
	3 B	Enniskillen	TR	378
	34	Browning	1	341
	35	Benson	TR	395
	63 A	Moose Mountain	NIL	271
	65	Tecumseh	1	390
1B	91	Maryfield	2	264
	95	Golden West	1	361
	123	Silverwood	NIL	407
	124	Kingsley	1	383
	125	Chester	5	298
	151 B	Rocanville	2	416
	155	Wolseley	TR	416
2A	36	Cymri	2	402
	66	Griffin	3	274
	67	Weyburn	NIL	282
	68	Brokenshell	TR	282
	96	Fillmore	NIL	371
	97	Wellington	1	340
	99	Caledonia	2	360
2B	126	Montmartre	TR	334
	127	Francis	2	427
	128	Lajord	NIL	261
	129	Bratt's Lake	3	255
	131	Baildon	4	364
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	481
	156 B	Indian Head	1	417
	157	South Qu'appelle	TR	457
	158	Edenwold	1	301
	160	Pense	NIL	223
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	305
	191	Marquis	2	314
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	3	293
	9	Surprise Valley	2	280
	38 A	Laurier	1	343
	38 B	Laurier	1	288
	39 A	The Gap	TR	214
	39 B	The Gap	TR	264
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	260
	12	Poplar Valley	1	189
	40	Bengough	1	276
	42	Willow Bunch	2	269
	43 A	Old Post	3	256
	43 B	Old Post	2	233
	44	Waverley	NIL	293
	71 A	Excel	2	242
	71 C	Excel	NIL	197
	73 A	Stonehenge	4	258
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	281
3AN	101 A	Terrell	3	191
	101 B	Terrell	3	286
	102	Lake Johnston	5	281
	103	Sutton	4	231
	132	Hillsborough	4	212
	134	Shamrock	10	332
	193	Eyebrow	3	315
	194	Enfield	5	314
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	5	195
	17 B	Val Marie	7	191
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	2	206
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	166
	75 B	Pinto Creek	3	201
	76 A	Auvergne	7	160
	76 B	Auvergne	7	193
	78 A	Grassy Creek	5	258
	78 B	Grassy Creek	5	180
	78 C	Grassy Creek	6	259
	105	Glenbain	8	343
	106	Whiska Creek	5	210
	108	Bone Creek	4	286
3BN	135	Lawtonia	4	326
	136	Coulee	6	316
	137	Swift Current	4	201
	166	Excelsior	6	312
	167	Sask. Landing	7	315
	225	Canaan	7	358
	226	Victory	5	381
	228 A	Lacadena	1	308
	228 B	Lacadena	6	346
	256	King George	NIL	357
4A	19	Frontier	2	377
	49 B	White Valley	12	356
	51	Reno	8	203
	79	Arlington	2	215
	109 B	Carmichael	8	375
	110	Piapot	1	343
	111 B	Maple Creek	5	357
4B	139	Gull Lake	8	281
	141	Big Stick	5	339
	142	Enterprise	5	362
	171	Fox Valley	4	323
	229	Miry Creek	8	271
	231	Happyland	2	433
	232	Deer Forks	3	374
5A	152	Spy Hill	NIL	304
	183	Fertile Belt	1	417
	184 C	Grayson	1	384
	185	Mcleod	NIL	461
	186	Abernethy	1	364
	211	Churchbridge	TR	386
	213	Saltcoats	1	366
	214	Cana	NIL	390
	241	Calder	1	554
	243	Wallace	NIL	431
	245 A	Garry	TR	370
	245 B	Garry	NIL	411
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	2	470
	247	Kellross	2	470
	248	Touchwood	1	329
5B	271	Cote	1	427
	276	Foam Lake	1	422
	277	Emerald	1	376
	303	Keys	TR	414
	304	Buchanan	2	266
	307	Elfros	3	401
	308	Big Quill	3	447
	335	Hazel Dell	2	435
	336	Sasman	3	361
	337	Lakeview	4	383
	338	Lakeside	3	370
	366 A	Kelvington	4	408
	366 B	Kelvington	TR	408
	368	Spalding	3	360
6A	189	Lumsden	TR	371
	190 A	Dufferin	4	335
	190 B	Dufferin	4	293
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	296
	220	Mckillop	2	345
	221	Sarnia	3	357
	222	Craik	4	364
	251	Big Arm	5	477
	252	Arm River	5	339
	279 A	Mount Hope	3	350
	279 B	Mount Hope	2	469*
	280	Wreford	4	377
	281	Wood Creek	5	351
	282	Mccraney	6	411
	309	Prairie Rose	3	348
	310	Usborne	5	466
	312	Morris	5	364
	313	Lost River	5	350
	339 A	Leroy	3	350
	339 B	Leroy	4	355
	340 A	Wolverine	4	409
	340 B	Wolverine	2	464
	343	Blucher	4	345
6B	254	Loreburn	7	402
	283	Rosedale	4	470
	284	Rudy	5	484
	285	Fertile Valley	5	474
	286	Milden	NIL	386
	314	Dundurn	5	455
	344	Corman Park	4	367
	345	Vanscoy	5	468
	346	Perdue	14	445
	376 A	Eagle Creek	10	442
	376 B	Eagle Creek	14	450
	403	Resthern	4	393
7A	259	Snipe Lake	6	369
	260	Newcombe	3	311
	287	St. Andrews	5	427
	288	Pleasant Valley	6	460
	290	Kindersley	6	350
	292	Milton	10	415
	317 B	Marriott	8	468
	317 C	Marriott	9	376
	318 A	Mountain View	7	403
	318 B	Mountain View	TR	471
	319	Winslow	3	390
	321	Prairiedale	8	450
7B	347 A	Biggar	8	424
	350 A	Mariposa	13	316
	350 B	Mariposa	8	351
	351	Progress	22	469
	352	Heart's Hill	15	630
	377 A	Glenside	12	456
	377 B	Glenside	11	452
	378 A	Rosemount	5	433
	378 B	Rosemount	9	406
	379	Reford	8	406
	380 A	Tramping Lake	10	371
	382	Eye Hill	16	632
	409	Buffalo	11	409
	410	Round Valley	12	477
	411	Senlac	NIL	409
8A	395	Porcupine	8	552
	397	Barrier Valley	8	545
	398	Pleasantdale	8	596
	428	Star City	5	596
	456	Arborfield	8	579
	457 A	Connaught	16	446
	457 B	Connaught	8	363
	458	Willow Creek	2	405
	486	Moose Range	15	410
	487	Nipawin	7	386
8B	369	St. Peter	8	485
	370	Humboldt	3	480
	371	Bayne	6	382
	372	Grant	7	390
	402	Fish Creek	3	424
	429 A	Flett's Springs	8	466
	429 B	Flett's Springs	9	479
	430	Invergordon	4	360
	431 A	St. Louis	7	403
	459	Kinistino	6	401
9AE	461	Prince Albert	8	458
	488	Torch River	17	523
	520 A	Paddockwood	NIL	256
	520 B	Paddockwood	10	368
9AW	405	Great Bend	4	310
	406	Mayfield	12	412
	435	Redberry	7	383
	436	Douglas	6	323
	463	Duck Lake	2	442
	467	Round Hill	16	416
	493	Shellbrook	12	371
	494	Canwood	15	373
	496	Spiritwood	8	405
	497	Medstead	12	378
	555	Big River	41	572
9B	438 A	Battle River	14	508
	438 B	Battle River	8	389
	440	Hillsdale	15	410
	442	Manitou Lake	25	493
	468 A	Meota	12	475
	472	Wilton	23	552
	498 A	Parkdale	10	372
	498 B	Parkdale	9	373
	499	Mervin	25	496
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	28	438
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	23	393
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	23	430
	502	Britannia	25	489
	561	Loon Lake	27	501
	588 B	Meadow Lake	11	486
	588 C	Meadow Lake	28	559
	622	Beaver River	17	414

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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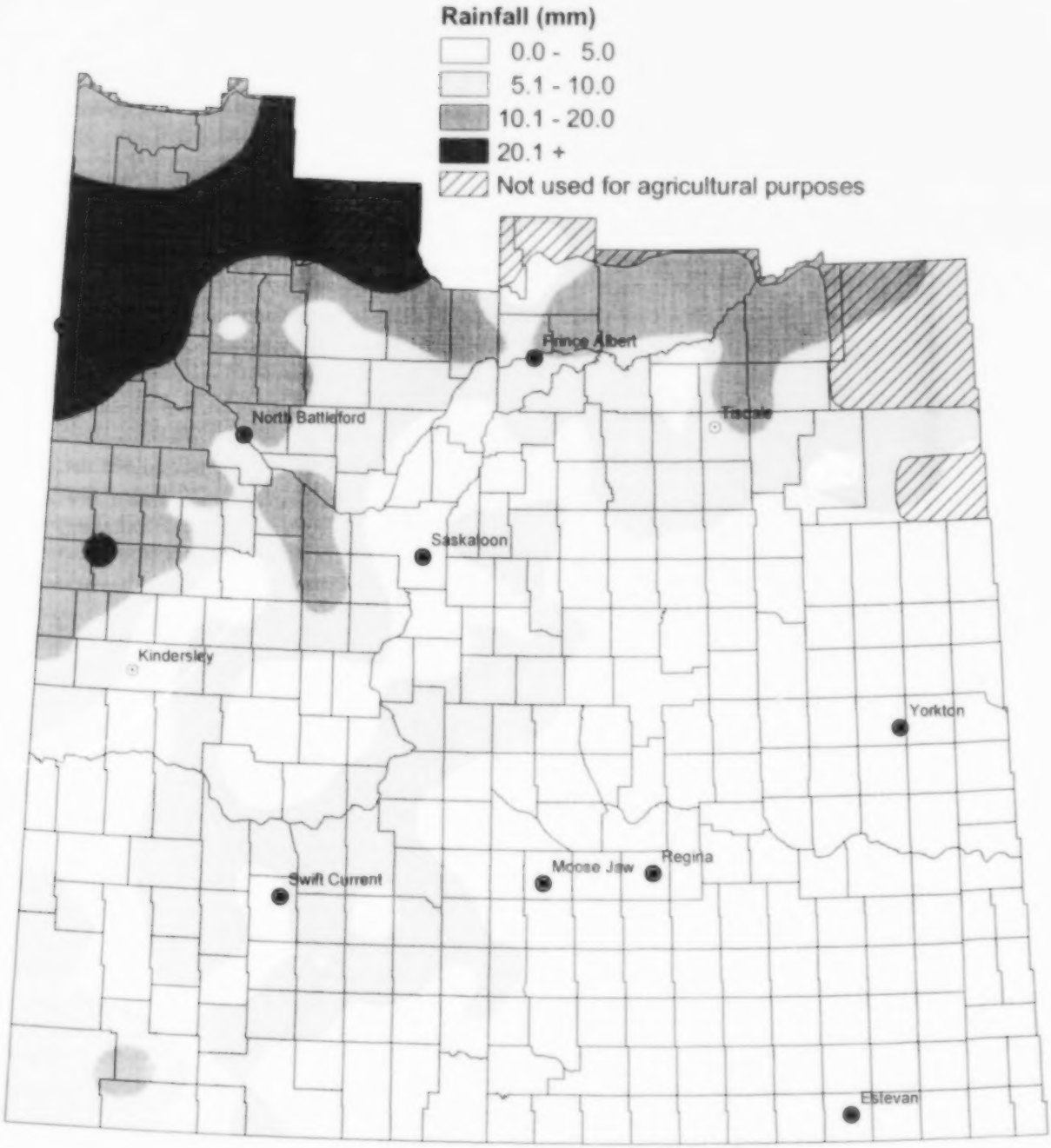
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending October 1, 2005



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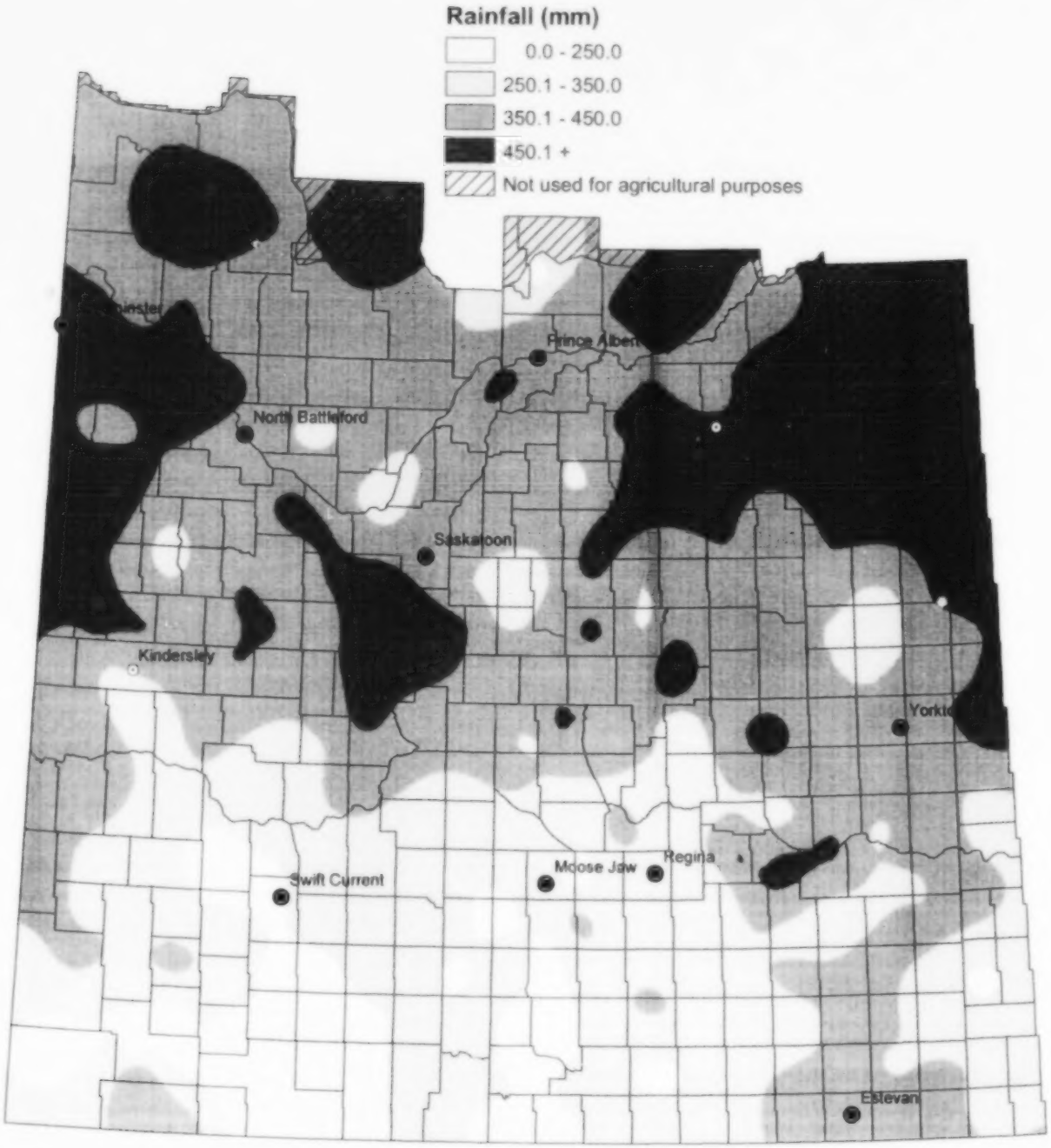
To: October 1, 2005



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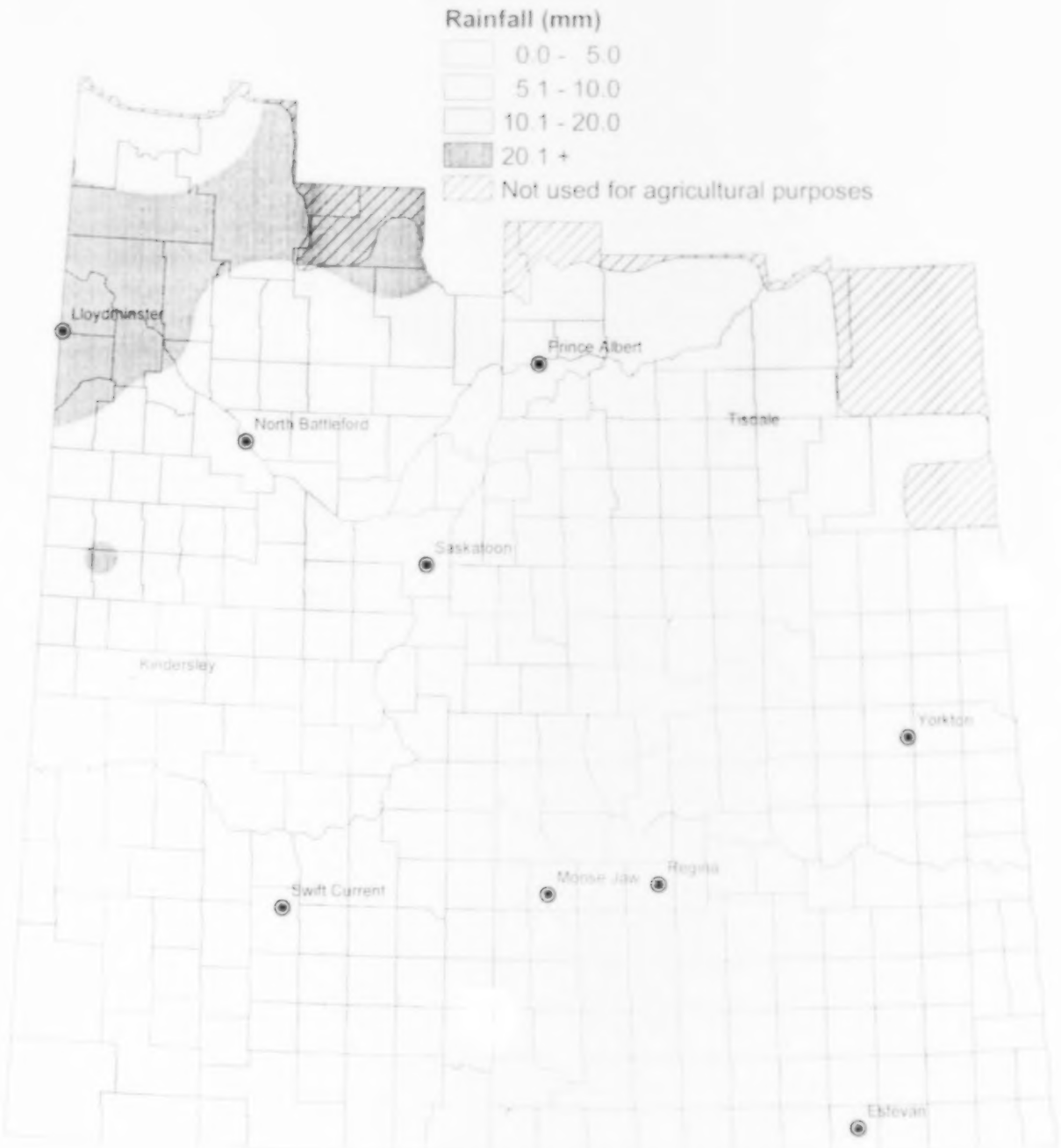

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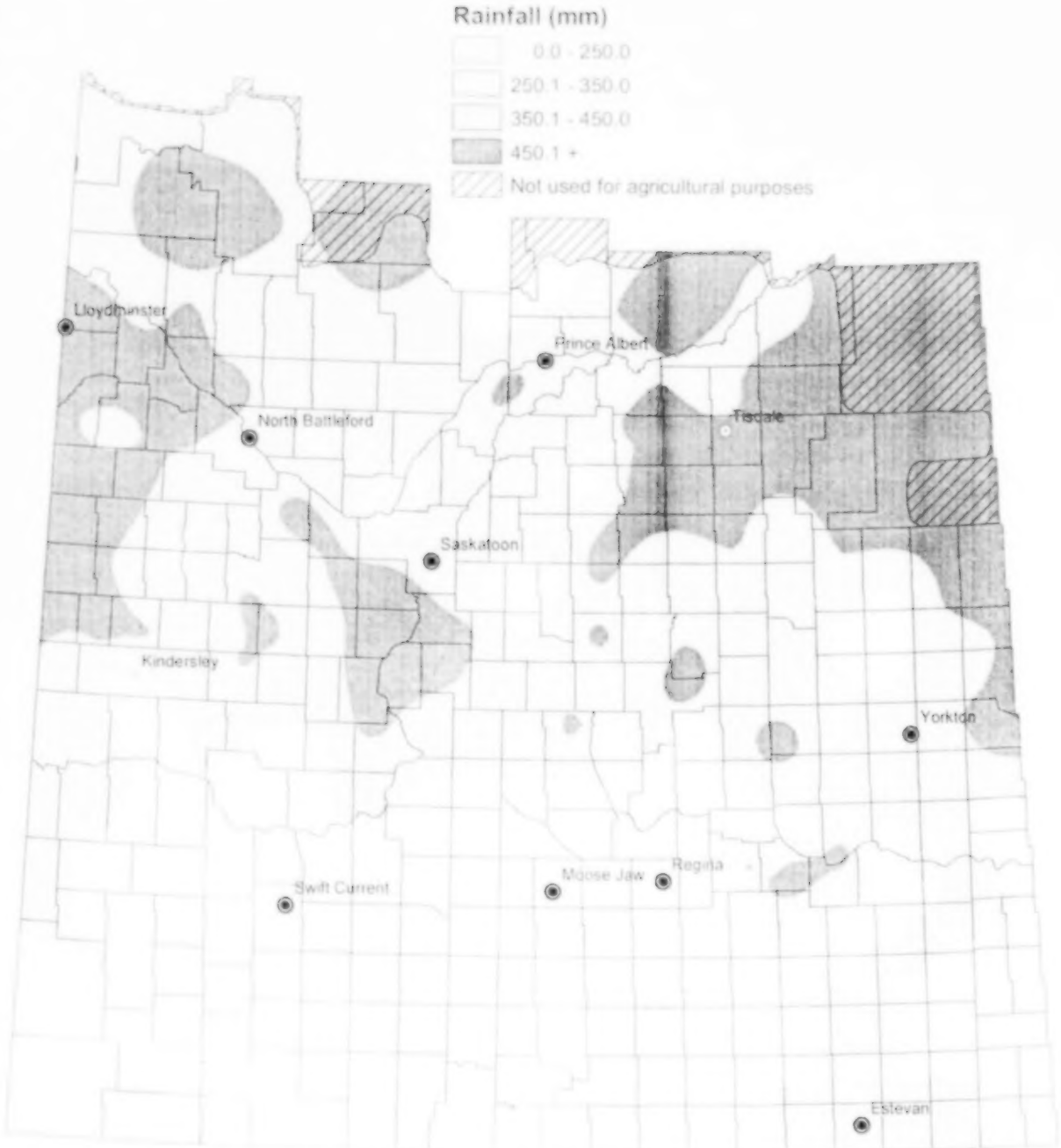

Crop Districts
and
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